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In re Application of	:	
Yuji Maeda et al.	:	
Application No. 09/048,076	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Filed: March 26, 1998	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket Number: 7217-	:	
55493	:	
Title: VECTOR SEARCH METHOD	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application, filed on May 18, 2007.

This renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit formal drawings in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed July 27, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months (it is noted that the issue fee was received on October 30, 2000, along with a certificate of mailing dated October 23, 2000). No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting formal drawings.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 28, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 12, 2001.

More than five years later, an original petition was filed on June 26, 2006. The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on December 19, 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> See MPEP § 710.02(e).

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With this renewed petition, several declarations of facts have been submitted, along with a plurality of exhibits, and a three-month extension of time so as to make timely this response.<sup>2</sup>

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The first three requirements of Rule 1.137(b) have been met. The fourth requirement is not applicable, as no terminal disclaimer is required.

Pursuant to this decision, the Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision so that the present application can be processed into a patent.

Petitioner may find it beneficial to view Private PAIR within a fortnight of the present decision to ensure that the revival has been acknowledged by the Office of Patent Publication in response to this decision. It is noted that all inquiries with regard to any failure of that change in status should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication where that change of status must be effected - **the Office of Petitions cannot effectuate a change of status.**

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to Senior Attorney Paul Shanowski at (571) 272-3225.<sup>3</sup> All other

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<sup>2</sup> It is noted that this renewed petition contains a certificate of mailing dated May 15, 2007.

<sup>3</sup> It will be noted that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).

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inquiries concerning the status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication at 571-272-4200..



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